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This baby survived an abortion, and her name means “victory”

Conceived through rape, Victoria survived and is winning hearts.

By: Matthew Green

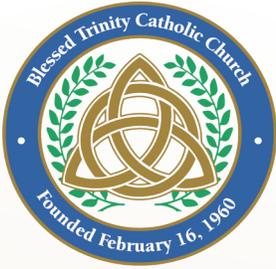
Recently a terrible crime was committed: a 14-year-old girl in Bolivia was raped by a 42-year-old man (now in prison). This nearly led to another tragedy, when the girl and her family decided to abort the baby conceived in that act of violence. The story has been covered amply in the Bolivian news outlet El Deber and in other news sources.

A terrible situation

The girl was in an indescribably difficult and unjust situation that no woman of any age should face, much less a young girl. The difficulty and injustice of this situation is why one of the first cases in which abortion is generally made legal is that of rape. Such is the case in Bolivia, where abortion is illegal but the law allows that in cases of rape or incest, or danger to the life or health of the mother where no other means are available, “interruption of the pregnancy” will not be punished.

Nevertheless, children conceived through such abuse are not guilty of their biological father’s crime. They are further innocent victims, and to kill them is a further act of injustice.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am

HOLY DAYS

8, 9:30 am & 7 pm

Weekdays: 8:00 am

Saturday: 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays

3:00 -3:45 pm

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When the Bolivian girl sought the abortion, numerous doctors at the Percy Boland Woman's Hospital in Santa Cruz (the largest city in Bolivia) refused to provide the service, having recourse to legal protection of conscientious objection.

At the time, the girl was 26 weeks pregnant; she had hidden the pregnancy as long as she could, because of threats from the father. She was also suffering from depression, and even tried to commit suicide when the doctors refused to perform the abortion. All of this made the situation even more delicate and controversial.

Ultimately, the director of the hospital concluded that the law protecting conscientious objection didn't apply to hospital directors, so he and another doctor agreed to oversee the abortion. The girl was administered pills to induce labor, the legally approved method for such cases.

A failed abortion, and a change of heart

Usually, these procedures are performed early in pregnancy, and the fetus is unable to survive outside the mother's body after the prematurely induced birth. In this case, due to the advanced stage of



gestation (27 weeks, or nearly 7 months, at the time of the procedure), the baby survived, which did not come as a complete surprise to the doctors, who had foreseen this possibility. The tiny girl (less than 2.5 lbs, only a third of average weight for newborns) was rushed to intensive pediatric care.

Initially, the girl and her family rejected the newborn completely. However, in the days since the baby was born, one of the mother's older sisters saw the child and decided to take responsibility for her. "I just saw her, and she's tiny. When she recuperates, I want to keep her. I don't have any daughters, just two boys," she told El Deber. The baby's grandmother has also had a change of heart; according to another article in El Deber, she said, "My anger will pass. We can't abandon her; she's our blood. I'm going to love her as my granddaughter. The baby's not to blame."

Given the baby's precarious condition of health, she was baptized in the hospital on June 5 with the name Victoria, which means "victory." Indeed, her survival is a true victory of life, and she is conquering the hearts of those around her. Erwin Bazán, director of the press office of the Archdiocese of Santa Cruz, who is Victoria's godfather, said on Facebook, "I think the beautiful thing about this is that Victoria is winning over everyone's affection. It's incredible to see how so many people want to help, so I'm very sure that, when Victoria overcomes this stage, among us all we'll find the way to be sure she lacks for nothing, beginning with love."

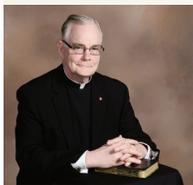
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THOUGHTS WORTH SHARING

By Rev. Wayne C. Genereux, Pastor



Fr. Wayne will be returning August 1st.
Please keep him in your prayers
while he is on vacation.



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A mother and daughter, both in treatment

The mother is reportedly also receiving the medical and psychological care she so clearly needs. In a document published on the Diocese of Santa Cruz’s website, it says, “In the case of the mother, she deserves special attention and understanding with great affection in the difficult and unfortunate situation of having endured an unwanted pregnancy, and she must be helped, and offered all necessary psychological, moral, spiritual, and material aid.” These are not just words; Bazán says “we are accompanying the underaged rape victim with all the necessary means.”

How many unborn children are rejected and aborted before “the anger passes,” before the people involved achieve the clear-headedness to recognize that “the baby’s not to blame”? How many mothers in desperate situations are without access to the “psychological, moral, spiritual, and material aid” they need, as the victim in this case very nearly was? It falls to us all to ensure that we create a culture where the sanctity of life is not questioned, where all women’s bodies are respected and protected, and where people in need—victims of violence, poverty, and illness—find love and support.

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ARE YOU NEW?

What to Expect at BT

Welcoming

Our parishioners love meeting new people and sharing their lives with others. You’ll also be greeted by some of the **most welcoming people you’ve ever met at a Church** - and we’re not just talking about the Hospitality team.

Family Focused

If you have children, they are **ALWAYS** welcome to celebrate Mass with the community! Our **Family Faith Formation** program invites the whole family to participate in learning about the faith.

Dynamic Worship

Throughout the Mass, you’ll be encouraged and invigorated by the community’s full, conscious, and active participation in the Liturgy. **Our Community loves to SING!** From traditional hymns to contemporary worship music, the word of God is proclaimed in a dynamic fashion. The homilies are geared towards challenging our parishioners to become better Christians.

A Church Unlike Any Other

There’s so much more to talk about! Our Parish is a wonderful, dynamic community and we welcome you to celebrate liturgy with us this weekend!

It doesn’t matter if this is your first time, 50th time, or first time in 50 years - know that you always have a place to worship, and a community to belong to at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.

To learn more, visit
WWW.BTSP.ORG

Looking For a Volunteer Opportunity?

Saint Vincent de Paul, Blessed Trinity Conference

Our Blessed Trinity St. Vincent de Paul Conference, a 501(C)3 organization, provides assistance to families in need in our local area, and we are looking to add additional members who can help perform this mission.

Visiting the needy enables us to grow spiritually, and to share the good news that God loves them. He provides assistance through our parishioners, whose donations make it possible for us to help with utility bills and food from our small pantry. We also provide help with furniture and clothing vouchers for the local SVDP thrift store.

We thank our parishioners for their food donations and generous spirit by using the monthly SVDP envelopes and our Poor Box in the back of the church. Your contributions are a blessing as the early hot weather season has made it especially difficult for the poor.

If you would like to learn more about what we do and how you can assist, please call:
Pat Gallen @ 727 867 2754.

Thank you and God Bless you.

Free Movie Night? Yes, Please!

Join your friends and fellow parishioners for a free movie!

Tuesday, July 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

**GOSNELL**

Ever wonder what goes on inside an abortion clinic? Watch the true story of the trial and investigation into the 30 year career of abortionist Dr. Kermit Gosnell and the attempted coverup.

Free popcorn!

This movie is NOT recommended for children.

MASS**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Sat., July 20**

8:00 a.m. Msgr. J. Bernard Caverly (dec)
4:00 p.m. Ethel Rudy (dec)

Sun., July 21 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Larry & JoAnn Tarnowski (liv)
9:30 a.m. Blessed Trinity Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Dolores Reimer (dec)
& Stephen Lynch (dec)

Mon., July 22 - Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

8:00 a.m. Anna & Frank Maher (dec)

Tues., July 23

8:00 a.m. Deborah O'hara (dec)
& Antonio Castanheira (dec)

Wed., July 24

8:00 a.m. Vocations

Thurs., July 25 - Feast of St. James, Apostle

8:00 a.m. Dolores Wilson (dec)

Fri., July 26 - Mem. of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Leonard Fron (dec)

Sat., July 27

8:00 a.m. Maureen Rocks (dec)
4:00 p.m. James Lawler (dec)

Sun., July 28 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Joseph Abruzzo (dec)
9:30 a.m. Blessed Trinity Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Cliff & Carmen Jordan (dec)

SACRAMENTS

Are You Looking to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the Baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

Office Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Pope says 7th Commandment is about more than stealing. Am I breaking it?

This command gets at the heart of a principle from the Church's social doctrine, Francis explains

By: Kathleen N. Hattrup

Every culture condemns theft, but the 7th Commandment is about more than stealing, said Pope Francis on November 7, in continuing his general audience series on the Decalogue. This Commandment actually speaks to a key tenet of Catholic social doctrines, referred to as the “universal destination of goods.”

“What does this mean?” the pope asked. He answered by citing the Catechism’s definition for this principle that explains how God entrusts the earth to the common stewardship of mankind, such that **the goods of creation are destined for the whole human race**, even though the promotion of the common good requires respect for the right to **private property**.

“There is just one world,” the Holy Father exclaimed. “There is just one humanity!” And yet, he lamented, “the wealth of the world, today, is in the hands of the minority, of the few, and poverty — or rather misery and suffering — is the lot of many, of the majority.”

The pope spoke of the well-known fact that the widespread hunger on the earth is not due to a lack of food, but rather due to a lack of “free and far-sighted enterprise, that ensures adequate production, with a fraternal approach, **ensuring equitable distribution**.”

Again citing the Catechism, Francis said, “Every wealth, to be good, must have a social dimension.”

Stewards of Providence

The pope referred to those who own property as “stewards of Providence.” Just as he pointed out in explaining the 5th Commandment that no one’s life belongs to himself, so the pope said today that “no-one is the absolute master of goods: He is an administrator of goods. Possession is a *responsibility*.”

“Every property removed from the logic of God’s Providence is betrayed: It is betrayed in the deepest sense,” the pope said. “That which I truly possess is what I know how to give. ... If I know how to give, I am open; then I am rich not only in what I possess, but also in generosity, generosity also as a duty to give wealth, so that all can participate in it.” In fact, the pope warned, if I am unable to give something, it is “because that thing owns me, it has power over me and I am a slave to it.”

In using our possessions with generosity, Christ himself is our model, Francis continued: Although humanity strives to *have more*, God redeems it by making Himself poor: That Crucified Man paid an inestimable ransom on behalf of God the Father, “rich in mercy” (Eph 2: 4; cf. James 5: 11). **It is not property that makes us rich, but love.**

The Holy Father then spoke of a truth that he’s mentioned before: “The devil enters through the pockets.” He explained: We start with love for money, the hunger to possess; then vanity comes: “Ah, I am rich and I am proud of it”; and in the end, pride and arrogance. This is the way the devil acts in us. But the **gate of entry** is always the pockets.

The Holy Father concluded by reiterating that the 7th Commandment means loving: “Love with your property, make the most of your means to love as you can. In this way your life becomes good and possession truly becomes a gift. Because life is not the time for possessing, but for loving.”

Donations 07/14/2019

Offertory Collection	\$6,856
Building Fund	\$90
Gift shop	<u>\$115</u>
TOTAL:	\$7,061

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click the online giving button.**



This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sun. 7/21	7:00 p.m.	Men's AA	Room 4
Mon. 7/22	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting	FFR
Thurs. 7/25	5:00 p.m.	SVDP Meeting	Room 4
Sat. 7/27	7:00 p.m.	Women's AA	Room 4
Ongoing Saturdays	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Prayer to End Abortion All Women's Health Care 4131 Central Ave, St. Petersburg, 33713	

From 101 to 105: Your Efforts and Prayers at Work

The last count of abortion clinics closed during 40 Days For Life Campaigns was 100, and our goal was to have our local abortion clinic here in St. Petersburg, at 4131 Central Avenue be Number 101. Our goal now is to have it be Number 105, as 4 more abortion mills have since shuttered their doors.

Please join your fellow Blessed Trinity Parishioners for a few minutes in saying the brief Prayer to Our Lady Of Guadalupe to end abortion, every Saturday morning at the clinic, sometime during the hours of 9:00 to 11:00.

Your Prayerful Presence could very well **SAVE A LIFE!!!!**

If you need a ride or for more information, please contact:



Your 40 Days for Life contact:
Rich & Linda Maloney
727-258-7406
Rmaloney67@gmail.com



Take Your Marriage on a Vacation!

Summer's here and everyone's out of school. Take time to give your marriage a well-deserved vacation too. Take a break from the heat and plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in this area is Sept. 20-22 at the Hampton Inn in Oldsmar. Space IS limited, so please apply early! For more information about taking a private time away, check out flwc-wwme.org or call 813-270-7832.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter®, the largest pro-Marriage movement in the world, is a past recipient of the Franciscan International Award for its efforts in celebrating and supporting Marriage. WWME was voted BEST Marriage Workshop in the 2012 and 2013 annual About.com's Reader's Choice Awards. *Worldwide Marriage Encounter®* is faithful to the Roman Catholic Church's teaching that Marriage is a covenant that exists between one man and one woman. *Worldwide Marriage Encounter®*

Healing for Our Suffering Church



Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Every first Friday of the month for the near future, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass we will have Eucharistic exposition, homily, meditation, and benediction at 10:00 a.m. You might want to pray for healing and for the victims of the scandal. Invest one hour with God, one on one.

Our next Adoration will be on Friday, August 2nd.

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast



Magnificat of St. Petersburg, a Ministry to Women, Invites you to their Prayer Breakfast!

**Saturday, August 24th
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Cathedral of St. Jude Parish Center
5815 5th Ave. N., St. Pete, FL 33710**



Speaker: Barbara

Cowne, BSN, RN, FCP
Join us for a morning of fellowship with women throughout the Diocese, a hot breakfast, praise and

worship led by Catholic artist Francesca Ani, and recitation of the Rosary. Then hear Barbara's personal witness of how her deepest wounds had slowly been healed, allowing her to flourish and, in turn, dedicate her work to God as a nurse and Fertility Care Practitioner at Foundation of Life Pregnancy Centers - until her path took a sharp turn that changed everything!

Mass to be held at 8:15 a.m. In the Chapel. Reservations \$16. Make checks payable to "Magnificat."

Please mail your check to: Linda Barron
6069 2nd Ave. N., St. Pete, FL 33710

Tickets on sale until August 19th

No tickets sold at the door.

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Albertson, Michelle
Antczak, Harriet
Arasa, Nancy
Attard, Stephanie
Banks, Cathy
Beekman, Connie
Bennett, Elizabeth
Blondheim, Carmen
Bogensberger, Rosemary
Brown, Bob & Beverly
Brown, Dorothy
Brown, Buck
Brown, Shaquita
Browning, Rea
Buckwald, Diane
Carfora, Palma
Carr, Elaine
Ceci, Shirley
Chavez, John
Chris, David
Christ, Kathryn
Cline, Wayne
Congiu, Rita
D'Agostino, Frances
Dawson, Anthony Peter
Deacon Lionel Roberts
DeLucca, Rosemary
Detore, Alice

Devyn & Donna
Drougelis, Nijole
Favero, Beverly
Fazio, Mary
Feehan, Joe
Feltes, Chuck & Lauren
Ferero, Antoinette
Fiedler, Meghan
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Forbes, Rahim
Forbes, Tina May
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Fraser, Sue Chapman
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Kincaid, Kevin &
Tammie
King, Ada
Kleinberger, Donovan
Kline, Irene
Krieger, Mary
Kwesell, Eugene
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana
Lawrence, Sandy
Leath, Bill
Lee, Donald
Leininger, Carol
LeVan, George
Lindsay, Jane
Lucas, Laura
Lyons, Laura
Mack, Jackson
Maharne, Cecile
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McManus, Elly
Membreno, Mary & Gus

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Merchant, Rhoda
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Monahan, Sheila
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Ramsey, Gerald
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Romani, Angelo &
Marlene
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